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Our Case No. 8285-455

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Pelletier et al.)
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: September 26, 2001) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
For: Methods, Systems, and Articles for)
Providing a Family)
Telecommunication Service)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before "Related Applications" please add the sentence: -- This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 09/375,652, filed August 17, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. --

IN THE CLAIMS

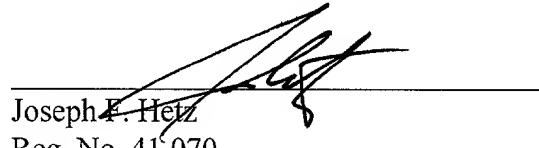
Please cancel Claims 1-16.

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to include continuation data and have amended the claims to cancel Claims 1-16. If the Examiner has any questions about this Preliminary Amendment, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

Dated: September 26, 2001

Respectfully submitted,


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